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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Gatto. Applicant has amended claim 1 to further distinguish over the cited patent.

With respect to claim 1, Gatto fails to disclose control circuitry in the housing for facilitating communication of data between the printer and a separately housed computer and between the bar code reader and the separately housed computer over a single cable.

Gatto fails to disclose a peripheral which is separately housed from the computer which controls it. Gatto also fails to disclose a single cable between a controlling computer and a peripheral including a bar code reader and a printer in a common housing.

Claims 7-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gatto in view of Shu. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8.

With respect to claim 7, the references fail to disclose a peripheral including

a universal serial bus printer in the housing;

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a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of data between the printer and a separately housed controlling computer and between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling computer over a single cable.

With respect to claim 8, the references fail to disclose a system including

a computer peripheral separately housed from the controlling computer including

a housing;

a universal serial bus printer in the housing;

a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the printer; and

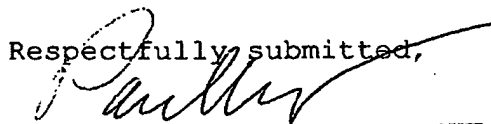
a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of data between the printer and the computer and between the bar code reader and the computer over a single cable between the universal serial bus hub and the universal serial bus controller.

Applicant has noted the prior art of record but not relied upon.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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